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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
P. Van Voris et al

Serial No.: 08/771,467

Filed: December 20, 1996

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROTECTION OF WOODEN OBJECTS PROXIMATE  
SOIL FROM PEST INVASION

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: N. Levy

Atty. Docket No.: 47309-00025USC1  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Box Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2000, for which the one-month date for response was July 15, 2000. Applicants have enclosed a petition for extension of time to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2000 three (3) months, from July 15, 2000 to October 15, 2000. Since the due date of October 15, 2000 fell on a Sunday, Applicants are hereby timely submitting this response on Monday, October 16, 2000.

In the above identified application, please amend the above application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel non-elected claims 16-23 and 24-29, without prejudice.

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